

TRAIL COUNT 2011



5th Annual Count of Trail Users in San José

Los Alamitos Creek Trail
near Camden Avenue Count Station

HOW MANY PEOPLE USE SAN JOSE TRAILS?

A count of trail users occurred on Wednesdays, September 14 and 28. Consistent with national guidelines. Counts at 6 stations occurred along three trail systems and a future trail alignment. Four stations were staffed for 12 hours (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) and the remaining stations during peak travel periods (7:00 to 9:00 am, and 4:00 to 7:00 pm).

- Guadalupe River-Coleman Avenue station reported a 5.7% increase. The Coleman Station has been used over the past 5 years and helps to document increasing trail usage. A 2-year detour nearby has not reduced the number of users.
- We identified a counting issue at the Guadalupe River-Park Avenue station. The transition from east to west bank trails

causes errors in data collection. For 2012, we'll move the station to a nearby and easier to count location.

- Los Gatos Creek-Hamilton Avenue saw a 4.4% decrease in traffic, but counters still recorded over 1,000 trail users.
- Los Gatos Creek-Auzerais Avenue saw a 53.9% increase over last year's peak hours. Last year saw an over 60% increase. This short connector trail from Willow Glen to downtown continues to grow in popularity.

- The Five Wounds neighborhood counted persons walking and biking along a former railway right of way. This corridor has been identified for future trail development. The data collected will be helpful in pursuing competitive grant funds.



GUADALUPE RIVER-Coleman Ave Station

Total trail users:

2007 - 243 users
2008 - 420 users
2009 - 531 users
2010 - 561 users
2011 - 593 users

VOLUNTEERS

Trail Count is conducted annually with the support of community and corporate volunteers, City staff and the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and Five Wounds Trail Neighborhood / Communitarity.



Trail Program
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